

**CHAPTER NO. 1010**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 2585**

**By Representatives Walley, McDonald, Jackson**

**Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 2915**

**By Senator Graves**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 66, Chapter 29, Part 1, relative to the health access incentive account.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 66-29-151(b), is amended by adding the following language between the first and second sentences:

Such programs may include, but not be limited to, recruitment incentives, community initiatives, service-linked training opportunities, support for high technology/telecommunications efforts and other strategies to expand primary, obstetric and dental health care services in underserved areas. Pursuant to a finding of need by the commissioner, the Health Access program may also address the lack of adequate access in underserved areas to other health care providers and health care services such as emergency medicine, mental health care and prevention treatment services for low income, pregnant substance abusers.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 66-29-121(a), is amended by deleting the second sentence in its entirety and adding the following language:

Of the funds not required for these purposes, in fiscal year 98-99, an amount not to exceed two million dollars (\$2,000,000) shall be credited to the Health Access Incentive Account created by §66-29-151 and the remaining amount shall be deposited by the State Treasurer in the general funds of the State. In fiscal years 99-00, 00-01, 01-02, and 02-03, an amount not to exceed two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000), three million dollars (\$3,000,000), three million five hundred thousand dollars (\$3,500,000) and four million dollars (\$4,000,000), respectively, shall be credited to the Health Access Incentive Account, subject to appropriation. During each of these fiscal years, any amounts not credited to the Health Access Incentive Account shall be deposited by the State Treasurer in the general funds of the State. Nothing in this act shall be implemented or construed to reduce the amount of funds to be credited at the end of each fiscal year to the Health Access Incentive Account below the two million dollar (\$2,000,000) cap established in Chapter 445 of the Public Acts of 1995.


SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July ;1, 1998, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: April 29, 1998

  
JIMMY RAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

  
JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 18<sup>th</sup> day of May 1998

  
DON SNOGRASS, GOVERNOR